

1807

THE C A S E O F T H E Starch-makers.

SInce the Honourable *House of Commons* propose the laying One Penny per Pound upon all *English* made Starch, those concerned in the Trade don't offer any Objections against it, tho' that Commodity be sunk very much in its Value at present, and that there's very little Demand for it, which has occasion'd several to lay down the Trade.

'Tis humbly offer'd to the House, That the Calculations of Mr. *Thorp*, both as to the Number of Starch-Houses, and the Quantity of Meal they make use of, are not exact, and by consequence will fall much short of raising the Sum of 28383*l. 6s. 8d.* he proposes; which we are able to make appear if the Honourable House think fit to allow us a Hearing; and particularly, that the Estimate of the Produce of Starch cannot be made from the Meal bought by the Starch-makers, because there's a very great difference in the Sorts of the Meal, and also in the Measure.

'Tis likewise humbly propos'd to the House, That in order to make the said Duty the more effectual, they would be pleas'd to admit of a Clause, prohibiting Perfumers, Makers of Powder, Barbers, or any others, to mix Powder of Alabaster, Plaister of *Paris*, Whiting, Lime, and other things of that Nature, with Starch or Powder of Starch, as is practis'd by several pretended Perfumers, Makers of Powder, Barbers, &c. by which they not only hinder the Consumption of one third more of that Commodity, but impose on the Publick, by selling such adulterated Powder and Starch which spoils the Hair, Wigs, and Cloaths of those who are so impos'd upon, and endangers their Health.

'Tis therefore humbly propos'd, That all such Adulterations be prohibited; and that nothing be mixed with Starch, or Powder of Starch, but Scents, on a certain Penalty, one Half of which to be paid to the Informer, and the other to go towards the Tax, or in such other manner as to the Wisdom of the House shall seem meet.

The preventing of this Abuse can hurt no honest Man, nor hinder any thing of a fair Trade, but on the contrary will promote the Starch Manufacture, and increase the Sum arising from it by the Penny *per Lib.*

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